

Appendix 2: Full list of authors' declarations of interests (RapidRecs PFO closure)

Pre-screening

All panel members were pre-screened for conflicts of interest prior to the guideline process that resulted in the *BMJ* Rapid Recommendations. The pre-screening was performed by the RapidRecs Executive team from the non-profit organisation MAGIC (www.magicproject.org) with support and approval from at least two unconflicted *BMJ* editors. No financial conflicts of interest were allowed (specifically, no financial ties to pharmaceutical companies with any stake in antiplatelets or anticoagulation agents) and intellectual and professional conflicts of interest were managed appropriately (see appendix 3: Methods for *BMJ* Rapid Recommendations). Panel members could not have a conflict for the past three years and do not anticipate a conflict arising in the foreseeable future, which we defined as at least one year.

We excluded two potential panel members, who had expressed interest, because they did not meet the *BMJ* Rapid Recommendation standards for conflicts of interest.

Disclosures

Financial disclosures: No panel members had any financial conflicts of interest to disclose related to this clinical question.

Professional disclosures

The majority of the panel members routinely see patients with cryptogenic strokes and two panel members perform PFO closures (Elke Hoendermis, Trond Vartdal).

Intellectual disclosures

Hassan Mir, Reed Siemieniuk, Per Vandvik, Lyubov Lytvyn, Thomas Agoritsas, Ton Kuijpers and Gordon Guyatt, participated in the writing the complementary systematic review that formed the evidence base for this guideline. Lyubov Lytvyn performed the search on values and preferences in appendix 1. Ton Kuijpers, Reed Siemieniuk, Thomas Agoritsas, Per Vandvik, Lyubov Lytvyn, and Gordon Guyatt are members of the GRADE Working Group: *BMJ* Rapid Recommendations adheres to GRADE methods. Elke Hoendermis is co-author of National recommendations on PFO closure and Stroke on behalf of the working group of the Netherlands Society of Cardiology. Fred Spencer Previously published systematic review and meta-analysis on this topic. No panel member had any other intellectual conflict to disclose.